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The Illuminati is a secret organization comprised of several of the world's most powerful heroes: Sorcerer Supreme Doctor Strange, Black Bolt, King of the Inhumans, Charles Xavier, founder of the X-Men and mutant rights activist, Reed Richards, founding member of the Fantastic Four, Namor the Sub-Mariner, Ruler of Atlantis and Iron Man, founding member of the Avengers.

These six men have worked together to mold and shape the status of the superhuman world and the world around it.

To keep the trust between the group members, the Illuminati's existence is a secret to everyone, including their teammates and families.

How and what they have done together has remained a mystery...until now...



Years ago, a war between the Kree and the Skrulls, two interstellar races of unimaginably advanced technology, raged not only across the stars, but on the surface of the Earth itself.

The mighty Avengers were able to keep the threat at bay, eventually disabling the Skrull attack fleet and bringing the conflict to an end.

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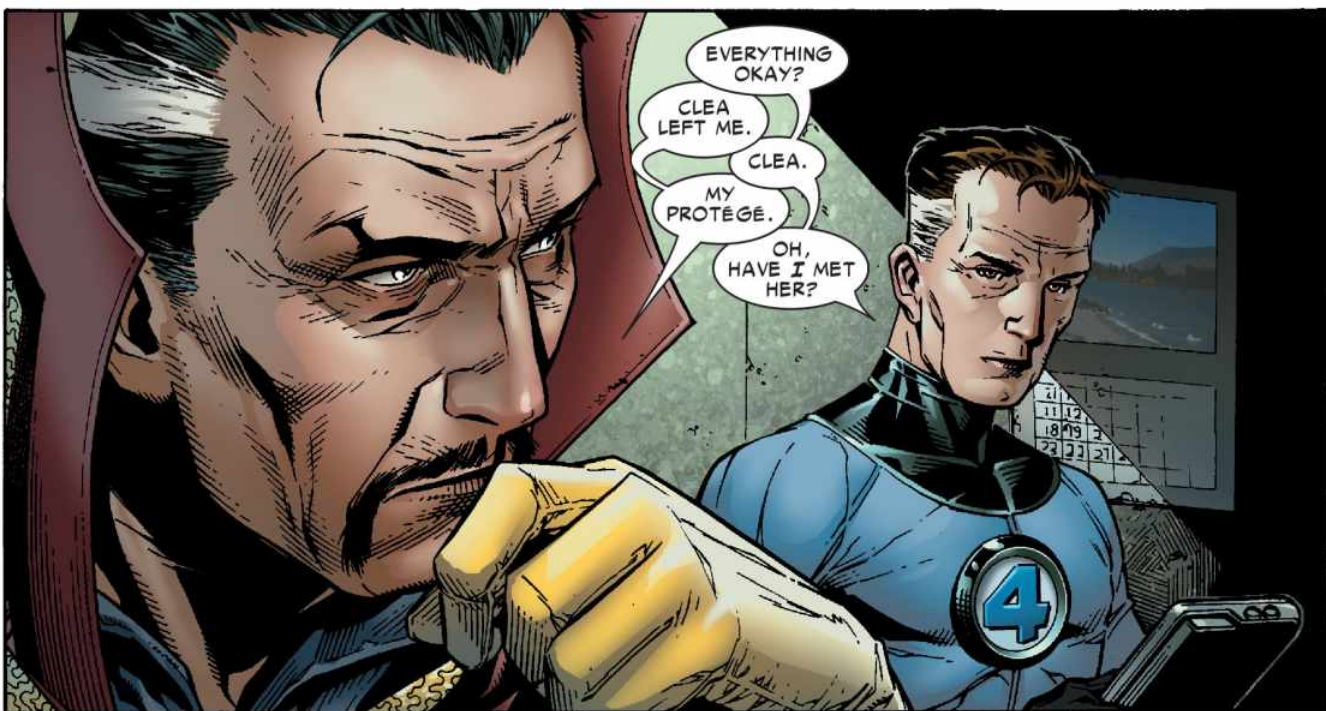
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MARVEL BOY.
NOH-VARR.

THIS
YOUNG ALIEN
MAN FROM THE KREE
EMPIRE HAS COME
TO EARTH AND HAS
DECLARED WAR ON
MANKIND.

HE'S
THE REAL
DEAL.

ENHANCED
REFLEXES, STRENGTH,
SPEED AND STAMINA,
KNOWLEDGE OF ADVANCED
KREE TECHNOLOGY
AND WEAPONRY.

HE'S
IMPRISONED
RIGHT NOW.

ALWAYS. AND
WE HAVE EVERY REASON
TO BELIEVE THAT HE WILL
ACT ON HIS PROMISE--

IS THERE
FEAR OF HIS
ESCAPE?

--OR HIS
IMPRISONMENT WILL
ANGER THE KREE ARMY
AND START A WHOLE
THING WITH THEM.

HE
DECLARED
WAR ON THE
EARTH.

YES.
ALL OF IT?
WELL,
YES.

SO LET'S BEAT THE ##%@
OUT OF HIM AND TEACH
HIM NOT TO SPEAK
UNLESS SPOKEN TO.

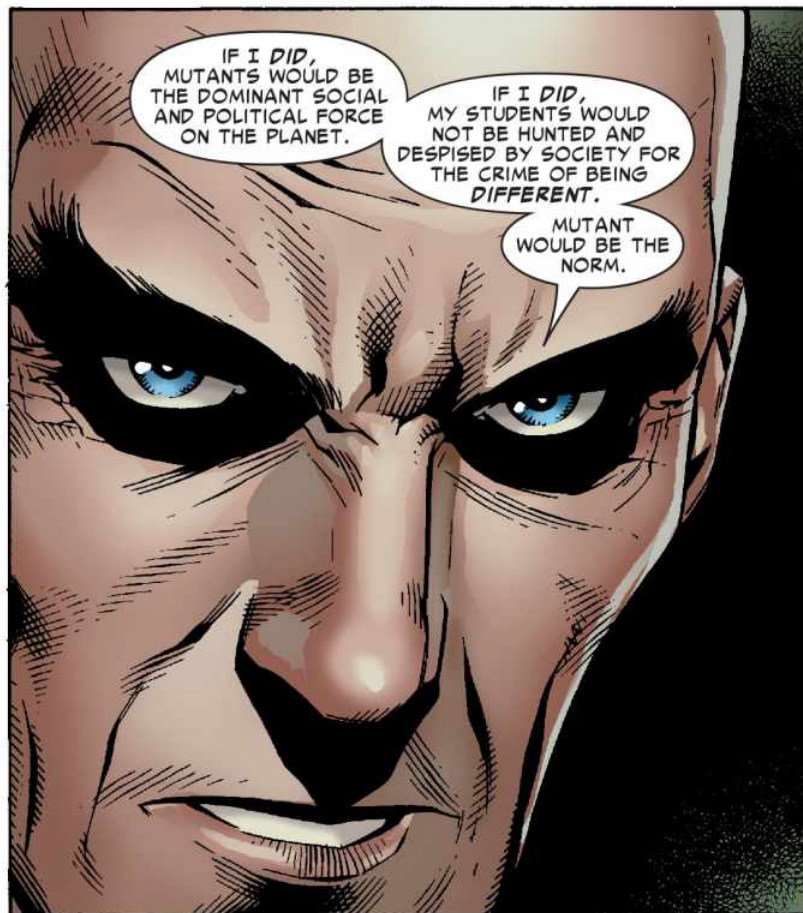
THAT'S AN
IDEA...BUT HERE'S
ANOTHER.

CONSIDERING
THE DELICATE BALANCE
OF ALL THINGS...

ANOTHER IDEA
IS TO "CONVINCE"
HIM TO CHANGE
HIS MIND.

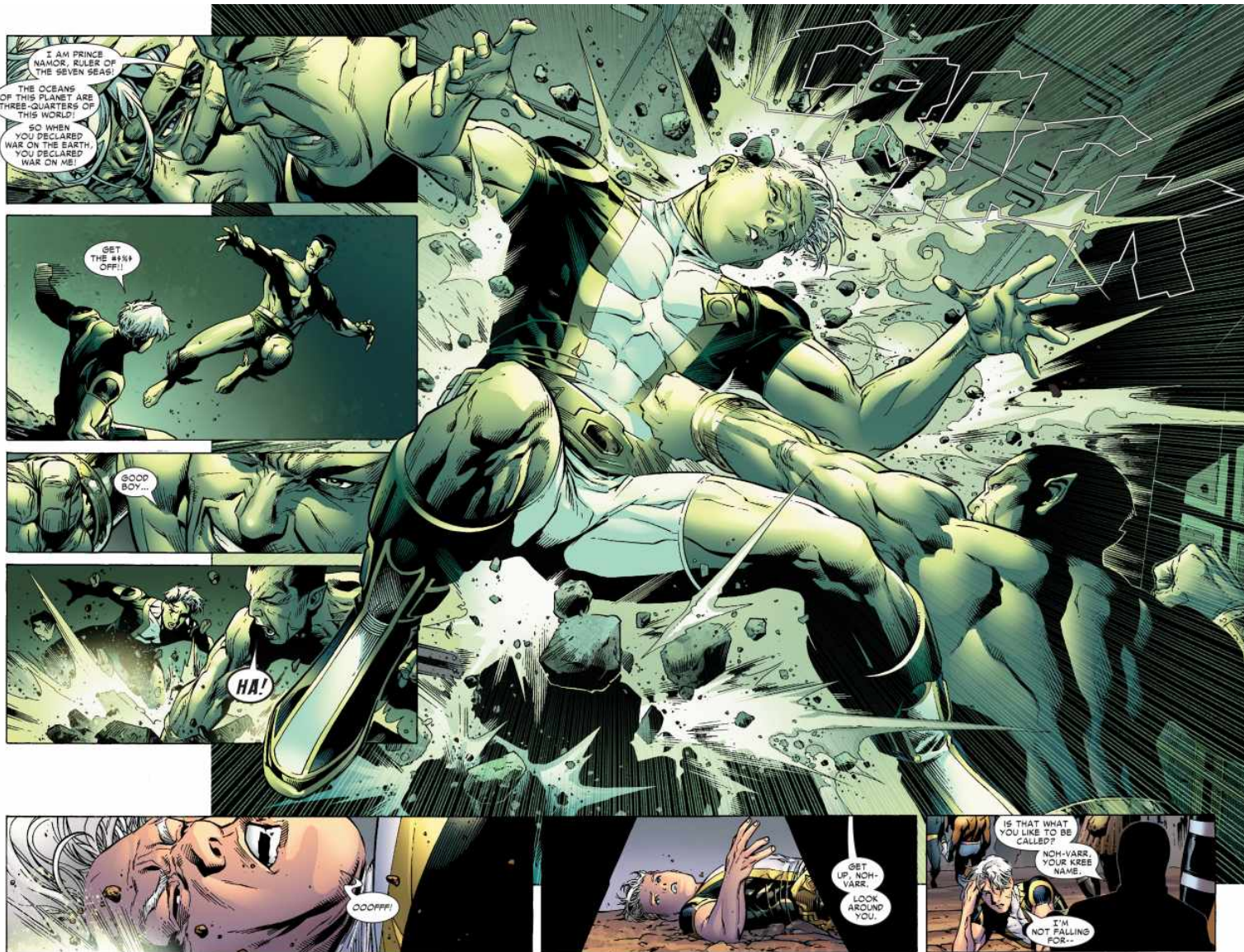
IF YOU
KNOW WHAT
I MEAN.

CHARLES...













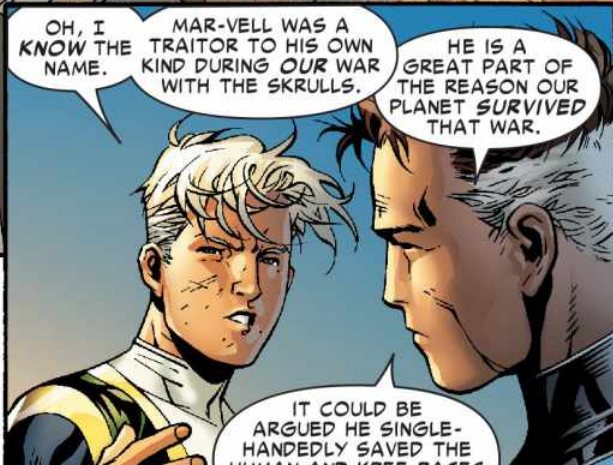




MAR-VELL.
THE
ORIGINAL CAPTAIN
MARVEL.

HE WAS A
KREE---JUST
LIKE YOU.

HE WAS
A CHAMPION FOR
OUR PEOPLE AND
YOURS.



OH, I
KNOW THE
NAME.

MAR-VELL WAS A
TRAITOR TO HIS OWN
KIND DURING OUR WAR
WITH THE SKRULLS.

HE IS A
GREAT PART OF
THE REASON OUR
PLANET SURVIVED
THAT WAR.

IT COULD BE
ARGUED HE SINGLE-
HANDEDLY SAVED THE



AND HE
IS DEAD NOW,
YES?

SO WHY
DO YOU SHOW
ME THIS?



BECAUSE, THE
PEOPLE OF THIS
PLANET...

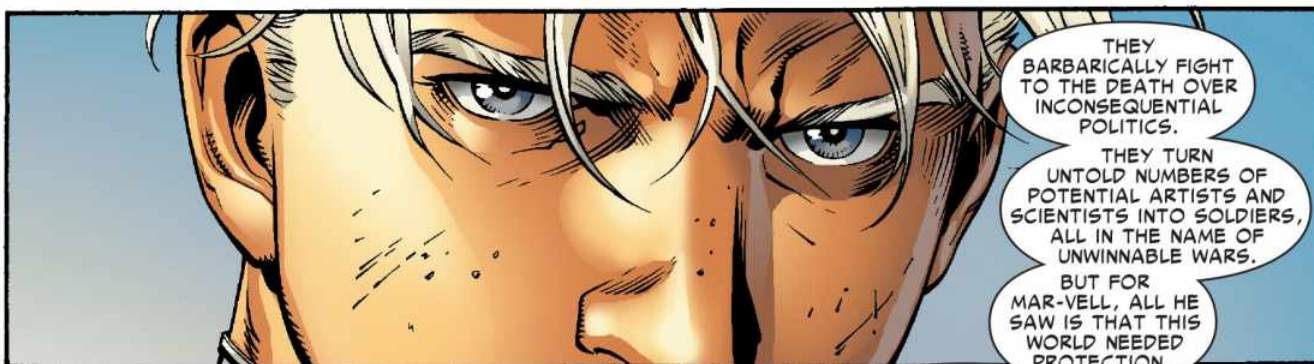
...ARE
FOOLS.



THEY HAVEN'T
EVOLVED TO WHERE
THEY UNDERSTAND
THEIR PLACE IN THE
UNIVERSE.

THEY TRAIPISE
ACROSS THE GLOBE
AS IF IT WERE DISPOSABLE,
DESTROYING EVERYTHING
IN THEIR PATH.

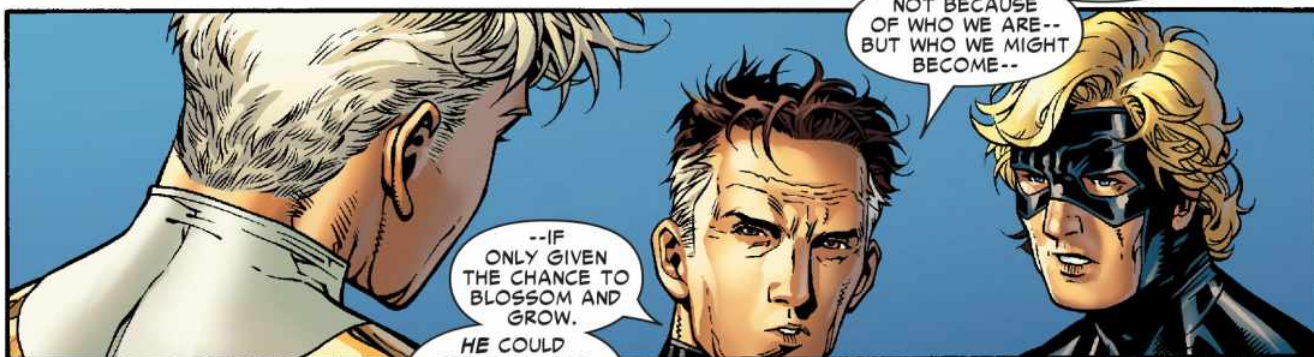
THEY GORGE
ON EVERY WHIM, EVERY
FANTASY, EVERY INDULGENCE,
WITH LITTLE CARE FOR THEIR
PERSONAL HEALTH OR WHAT IT
DOES TO THE PLANET OR TO
SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.



THEY
BARBARICALLY FIGHT
TO THE DEATH OVER
INCONSEQUENTIAL
POLITICS.

THEY TURN
UNTOLD NUMBERS OF
POTENTIAL ARTISTS AND
SCIENTISTS INTO SOLDIERS,
ALL IN THE NAME OF
UNWINNABLE WARS.

BUT FOR
MAR-VELL, ALL HE
SAW IS THAT THIS
WORLD NEEDED
PROTECTION.



NOT BECAUSE
OF WHO WE ARE--
BUT WHO WE MIGHT
BECOME--

--IF
ONLY GIVEN
THE CHANCE TO
BLOSSOM AND
GROW.

HE COULD
SEE THIS, AND
WE COULDN'T EVEN
PRONOUNCE HIS
NAME RIGHT.



ALL THE
MORE REASON TO
CONQUER YOUR
USELESS PEOPLE AND
PUT THEM TO WORK
FOR THE BETTERMENT
OF THE KREE
EMPIRE.



CLEARLY, WE'RE
NOT GOING
TO LET THAT
HAPPEN.

YOU
KNOW
THAT.

YOU OPENED UP
YOUR BIG MOUTH
AND LOOK WHERE
YOU ARE.

DO YOU WANT
TO LIVE LIKE THIS, HERE,
FOR THE REST OF YOUR
DAYS, WONDERING WHAT
HAPPENED?

BECAUSE WHAT
YOU COULD BE DOING
IS APPLYING YOUR
AMAZING TALENTS TO
SOMETHING THAT
GENUINELY EFFECTS
CHANGE.

SAVE LIVES,
BUILD A BETTER
FUTURE.

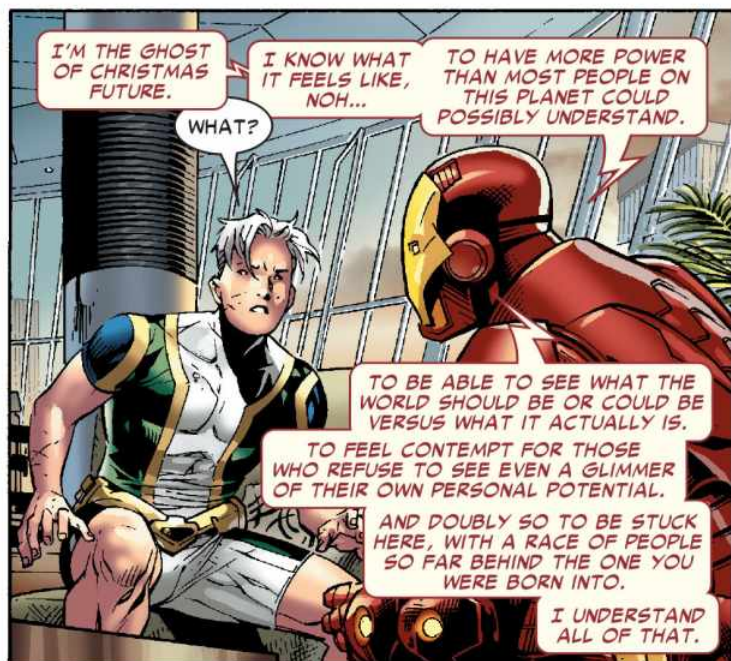
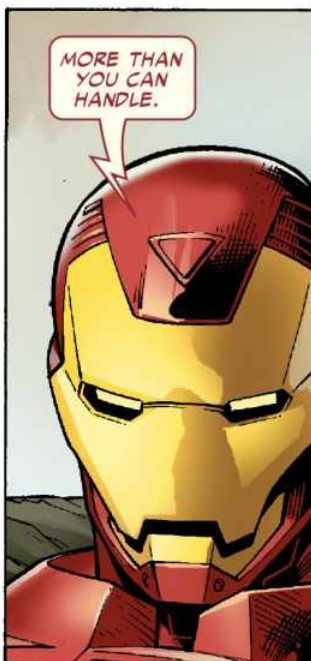
I'VE SEEN
YOU IN ACTION.
I'VE SEEN YOUR
POWER.



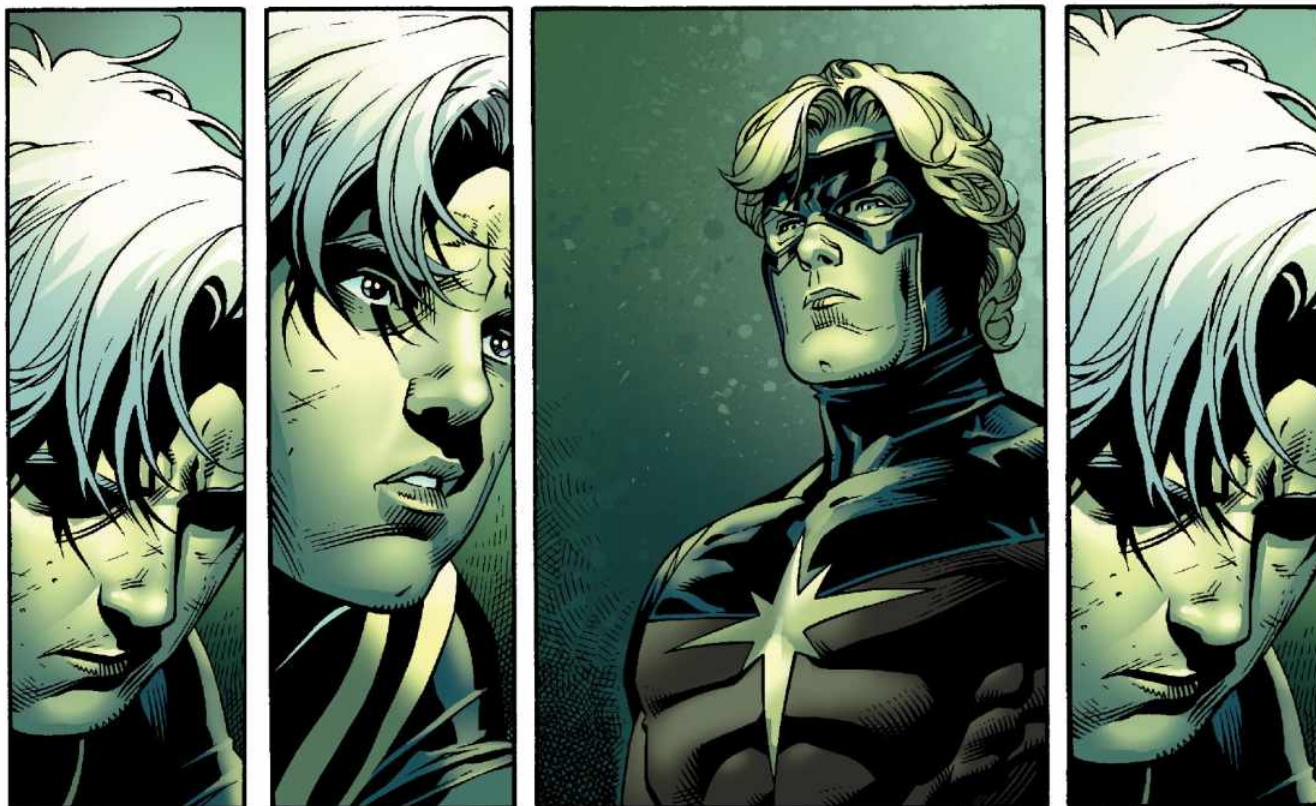
IS THIS
THE PART WHERE
THE POINTY-EARED
NAKED MAN STARTS
PUNCHING ME
AGAIN?

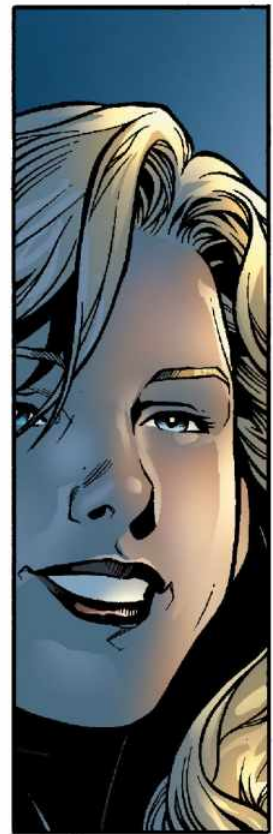


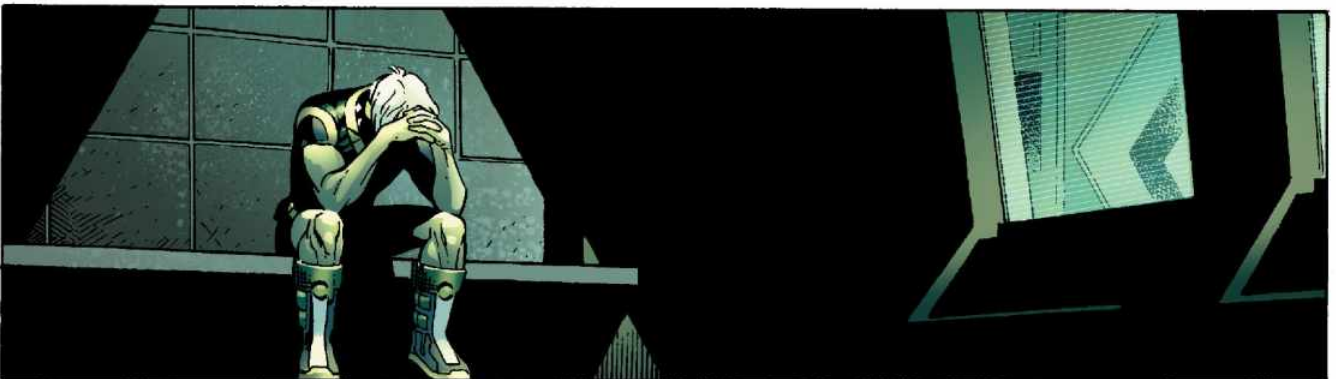
ACTUALLY...













Shadowcat

